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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 61-64, 70-97 and 103-120 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 61-64, 70-97 and 103-120 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 64 and 97 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 September 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Detailed Action

1. **Claims 61-64, 70-97, and 103-120** are pending and claims 65-69 and 98-102 are canceled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the specification and drawings have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of 35 U.S.C. 112 first and second paragraphs and objections have been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim objections have been fully considered and are persuasive. all original claim objections have been withdrawn. However, claim 64 and 97 are objected to because light transmissive member should be light transmissive element.

Furthermore, in regards to rejections of 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, examiner agrees with applicant, in regards to claims 71-72, in that having two receiving means and a difference thereof would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention for triangulation as since such methods have been known for centuries.

Regarding claims 78 and 79 examiner agrees with applicant in that the specification does enable the claims in view of figure 11 and not in view of figures 9 and 12. Figure 9 has only references on the figure dealing with the light pen and wherein one skilled in the art can only assume that the rows of the CCD as disclosed are those pictured near the pen in figure 9. Figure 12 does not show any path of light.

In regards to rejections of 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, examiner disagrees with applicant, in regards to claim 85, as claim 85 clearly states as currently amended "A touch pad according to claim 83, further comprising means for directing light transported into the light transmissive element by the transporting means to the determining means".

Regarding claims 64, 71, 74-78, 80, 83-84, 97, 104, 107 and 109 the amendments are sufficient to overcome the rejections of 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph and are accordingly withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of claims 61-64, 71-97 and 104-120 on 35 U.S.C 102(b), examiner agrees that Ogawa does not disclose wherein the light transmissive element is adapted to transmit received light inside of the light transmissive element but rather on top of the light transmissive element.

Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 61-64, 71-97 and 104-120 on 35 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Shiratsuki.

In regard to the 35 U.S.C 103(a) rejections of claims 70 and 103, examiner agrees that no teaching or suggestion would enable one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ogawa with Crowley. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, Shiratsuki et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2001/0005004) does disclose the use of a wave guide plate/ light guide surface with a CCD beneath the surface enabled to receive the light inside of the light guide layer. It would have been

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obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the light wave-guide surface integrated with the CCD beneath the surface as a means to precisely detect the position of the light pen.

Accordingly this action is made non-final.

Claim Objections

3. **Claims 64 and 97** are objected to because of the following informalities: light transmissive member should be light transmissive element. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. **Claim 85** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Claim 85 recites the limitation " transporting means " in claim 83. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 61-64, 70-97, and 103-120** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Ogawa et al.** (US Patent 5,502,568), herein after referred to as Ogawa, in view of **Shiratsuki et al.** (US Patent Application Publication 2001/0005004) herein after referred to as Shiratsuki.

Regarding **independent claims 61 and 94** Ogawa discloses a touch pad (*abstract reference optical position detecting unit*) having: a light transmissive element (*Figure 3 21*) having a first surface adapted to receive light, the light transmissive element being adapted to transmit received light along the first surface (21), a first (22) and a second (23) means adapted to receive light received by the surface, transmitted along the first surface by the light transmissive element, and for outputting corresponding signals (*Column 7, lines 60-61*), and means for determining, on the basis of signals from the receiving means, a position of the first surface having received light (*Columns 7-8, lines 60-67, 1-17, Figures 3 and 4*).

Ogawa does not disclose wherein the transmissive means are adapted to transmit received light inside of the light transmissive element along the first surface. However, Shiratsuki does disclose the use of a wave-guide plate/ light guide surface with a CCD beneath the surface enabled to receive the light inside of the light guide layer (figure 5, wherein 2 is the wave guide, 4 is the CCD, and L1 would be the light pen of Ogawa).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ogawa's CCD and first surface with the light transmissive element and integrated CCD of Shiratsuki in order to more precisely detect the light pen's position.

Regarding **claims 62 and 95** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising a display or monitor, the monitor or display being positioned so as to provide or display information provided or displayed thereby through the first surface of the light transmissive element (*Column 3 and 5, lines 52-57 and 37-65 respectively*).

Regarding **claims 63 and 96** Ogawa discloses a touch pad, wherein the light transmissive element comprises an at least substantially flat light transmissive member having at a surface thereof a light transmissive coating or layer, an upper surface of which forms the first surface of the light transmissive element (*Figure 3 21*).

Regarding **claims 64 and 97** Ogawa discloses a touch pad, wherein the light transmissive element comprises a light transmissive display or monitor (*Column 3 and 5, lines 52-57 and 37-65 respectively*).

Regarding **claim 70 and 103** Shiratsuki discloses an element having a first side having a number of first predetermined positions for engagement of a user and a second side having a number of second positions or areas corresponding to the first positions, the element being adapted to, when a first position is engaged by the user, emit light from the corresponding second position, the second side being positioned so that the light emitted may be received by the first surface (*The original use of the wave guide was to direct light L1 from figure 5 to whatever pattern blocked the light as a type of scanner. This would enable a first position engaged by a user 2b and a second*

position corresponding to the first position 2a that would light up L1 to capture an image over top of area 2b, paragraphs [0052 and 0053]).

Regarding **claims 71 and 104** Ogawa discloses a touch pad wherein the first and second receiving means comprise means for detecting light received at least two different areas or points, the detecting means being adapted to determine an angle of incidence of detected light at each area or point (*Column 13, lines 15-67, figure 3*).

Regarding **claims 72 and 105** Ogawa discloses a touch pad wherein the detecting means comprise at least one detector and, for each area or point, a reflecting means (light receiving element) or lens means for directing the light received at the area or point on to the at least one detector (*Column 14, lines 5-41*).

Regarding **claims 73 and 106** Ogawa discloses a touch pad wherein the receiving means comprise means for detecting light emitted at a predetermined point of the first surface in two different directions and means for determining the position of the predetermined point from the directions in which the light was detected (*Column 13, lines 15-67, figure 3*).

Regarding **claims 74 and 107** Ogawa discloses a touch pad according to claim 63, wherein the detecting means comprise at least one detector and reflecting means (light receiving element) or lens means for directing the light emitted in the two different directions on to the at least one detector (*Column 14, lines 5-41*).

Regarding **claims 75 and 108** Ogawa discloses a touch pad comprising at least two detectors each being at least one-dimensional detectors having a number of detecting points or areas, the detectors and reflecting/lens means (light receiving

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element) being positioned so that light from two different points on the first surface are detected at different points/areas of at least one of the detectors (*Column 25, lines 25-67 reference filter and CCD*).

Regarding **claims 76 and 109** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising a plurality of slots or apertures provided between the predetermined point at the first surface and the one-dimensional detectors, the detecting points/areas of the one-dimensional detectors being at least substantially equidistant, and a distance between two adjacent slots being different from a multiple of a distance between two adjacent areas/points of a detector (*Columns 2-3, lines 66-67 and 1-7 respectively*).

Regarding **claim 77** Ogawa discloses a touch pad according to claim 61, wherein the at least one detector comprises a CCD detector (*Column 4, lines 26-30*).

Regarding **claims 78 and 110** Ogawa discloses a touch pad according wherein the CCD detector is a two-dimensional detector having a number of rows of detecting points/areas, and wherein each receiving means comprises at least one row of the CCD and detects light transmitted through the transmissive means by one or more rows of the detecting points/elements (*Column 14, lines 5-54*).

Regarding **claims 79 and 111** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising means for directing light from surroundings of the touch pad to one or more other rows of the CCD (*Column 14, lines 5-54*).

Regarding **claims 80 and 112** Ogawa discloses a touch pad wherein a filter means or the reflecting/lens means is adapted to transmit at least substantially only light within a predetermined wavelength interval (*Figure 3 reference 24*).

Regarding **claims 81 and 113** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising a stylus or pen adapted to emit light from a point thereof, the stylus or pen being adapted to transmit light into the light transmissive element when touching and/or being translated over the first surface (*Column 5, lines 54-65, Figure 2*).

Regarding **claims 82 and 114** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising means for receiving light from outside the pad (*image pickup unit*) and in a plane at least substantially parallel to the first surface (*Figure 1*) and for transporting the light into the light transmissive means (*light path*), the determining element being adapted to determine a position outside the pad from which the light is emitted (*Column 2, lines 34-65*).

Regarding **claims 83 and 115** Ogawa and Shiratsuki discloses a touch pad wherein the receiving means comprise at least two lens means or mirror means positioned so as to direct light from the outside of the pad along the plane into the light transmissive element (Shiratsuki: figure 5 reference 2d).

Regarding **claims 84 and 116** Shiratsuki discloses a touch pad wherein the at least two lens or mirror means form part of the light transmissive means as a single element (*figure 5 reference 2d with 2*).

Regarding **claims 85 and 117** Shiratsuki discloses a touch pad further comprising means for directing light transported into the light transmissive element by the transporting means to the determining means (*paragraph [0051]*).

Regarding **claim 86** Ogawa discloses a touch pad further comprising a stylus or pen having: a first light transmitting channel along a predetermined axis of the stylus or

pen (18), means for providing light into and along the transmitting channel (15), means for outputting the light from the transmitting channel (3), a receiving channel being adapted to receive light output from the transmitting channel and having been reflected outside the pen or stylus (12 and 20), and means for directing light from the receiving channel toward the receiving means of the pad (*Figure 2 reference 3*).

Regarding **claim 87** Ogawa discloses a stylus for use in the touch pad, the stylus having a light providing means and means for emitting light provided from a point of the stylus (*Column 5, lines 54-65, Figure 2*).

Regarding **claim 88** Ogawa discloses a stylus wherein the point of the stylus is flexible (*Figure 2 reference 11*).

Regarding **claim 89** Ogawa discloses a stylus wherein the light providing means is a light emitter (*Figure 2 reference 19*).

Regarding **claim 90** Ogawa discloses a stylus wherein the light providing means comprises means for receiving light from one or more surrounding light emitter(s) (*Figure 2 reference 20*).

Regarding **claim 91** Ogawa discloses a stylus further having means for varying an intensity and/or wavelength of the light emitted, the variation being controlled by a controlling means controllable by a user (*Figure 2 reference 17*).

Regarding **claims 92 and 119** Ogawa discloses a stylus wherein the controlling means comprises an area of the stylus, the area being adapted to be exposed to pressure or depression by the user, exposure to pressure or depression will make the

controlling means vary the intensity and/or wavelength (*Figure 2 reference 17*) and wherein the determining step comprises detecting the variation (*Column 7, lines 26-39*).

Regarding **claim 93** Ogawa discloses a stylus or pen having: a first light transmitting channel along a predetermined axis of the stylus or pen (18), means for providing light into and along the transmitting channel (20), means for outputting the light from the transmitting channel (3), a receiving channel being adapted to receive light output from the transmitting channel and having been reflected outside the pen or stylus (18), and means for outputting the light from the receiving channel (3) (*Figure 2*).

Regarding **claim 118** Ogawa discloses a method comprising translating a stylus or pen having: a first light transmitting channel along a predetermined axis of the stylus or pen (18), means for providing light into and along the transmitting channel (20), means for outputting the light from the transmitting channel (3), a receiving channel being adapted to receive light output from the transmitting channel and having been reflected outside the pen or stylus (18), and means for directing light from the receiving channel (3) (*Figure 2*) toward the receiving means of the pad over a surface having areas of varying light reflection, the light or stylus directing light of varying intensity toward the touch pad, wherein the determining step comprises determining information from the variation in the light intensity (*Column 7, lines 18-25*).

Regarding **claim 120** Ogawa discloses a method wherein the varying step comprises the user depressing an area of the stylus, the depression facilitating the variation of the intensity and/or wavelength (*Figure 2 reference 17 and 14*).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher E. Leiby whose telephone number is 571-270-3142. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4 m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alex Eisen can be reached on 571-272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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